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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SOVIETS STRUGGLE TO MAINTAIN MIDEAST ROLE

EMBASSY MOSCOW BELIEVES THE SOVIET UNION IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT A NEW SINAI AGREEMENT SO LONG AS IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE LEADING TOWARD PERMANENT REGIONAL STABILITY. WITH AN OVERRIDING INTEREST IN A SOLUTION WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE THEM TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THEIR MIDDLE EAST INTERESTS AND DETENTE:

--THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD PREFER A LOWER LEVEL OF INSTABILITY WHICH WOULD LESSEN THE RISKS OF CONFLICT WITH THE US BUT STILL ALLOW THE SOVIETS TO RETAIN THEIR ARAB CLIENTS.

SUCH A POLICY POINTS UP POSSIBLE CONFLICTS IN THE SOVIET POLICY SINCE:

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--BY RELYING ON THEIR SPONSORSHIP OF GENEVA, THE SOVI-

ETS HAVE AVOIDED FACING UP TO THEIR SHRINKING INFLUENCE IN THE ARAB WORLD, HOPING THIS APPROACH WILL GIVE THEM RENEWED ABILITY TO PORTRAY THEMSELVES AS THE ARABS' FRIEND AND PROTECTOR IN PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS.

--SHOULD THE GENEVA FRAMEWORK COLLAPSE OR EVAPORATE, THE SOVIETS, IN AN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN THEIR DECLINING POWER BASE, MIGHT PURSUE A POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR THE EXTREMISTS AND PRESSURE ON REGIMES WHICH HAVE RESISTED SOVIET INFLUENCE.

EMBASSY COMMENT: SOVIET ADVENTURISM ALONG THESE LINES WOULD IMPAIR THE PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUED PROGRESS TOWARD THE STABLE MIDDLE EAST WE SEEK AND WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OVER-ALL US-SOVIET RELATIONS. THEREFORE, IT MIGHT BE AS MUCH IN OUR INTERESTS AS IN THAT OF THE SOVIETS TO MAINTAIN THE GENEVA FRAMEWORK IN THE POST-SINAI PERIOD, AT LEAST IN THE NEAR TERM. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 12214, 8/27.)

2. TIMOR: VIOLENCE CONTINUES--SUHARTO WAITS IN WINGS

EMBASSY JAKARTA'S SOURCES REPORT THAT OPEN BATTLE CONTINUES IN DILI. AT PRESENT:

--MUCH OF THE VIOLENCE SEEMS TO FOLLOW CLAN AND FAMILY LINES RATHER THAN POLITICAL PARTY DIVISIONS.

--WHILE THE GOVERNOR HAS MOVED TO ATAURO ISLAND, THE INDONESIAN AND ROC CONSULATES IN DILI REMAIN OPEN WITH THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES UNDER THEIR PROTECTION.

--AN INDONESIAN DESTROYER ESCORT WITH ORDERS TO SHOOT IF FIRED UPON HAS ARRIVED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REFUGEE EVACUATION. (OTHER INDONESIAN VESSELS ARE ON THE WAY.)

EMBASSY CONTACTS AGREE THAT SUHARTO IS "MYSTICALLY" SURE TIMOR WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME INDONESIAN. THUS, DRAWING SUPPORT FROM WHITLAM'S DECLARATION OF AUSTRALIAN NON-INTERVENTION, HE AWAITS A SPECIFIC PORTUGUESE REQUEST FOR HIM TO TAKE ACTION.

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EMBASSY LISBON REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES HAS DECIDED NOT TO INVITE INDONESIAN INTERVENTION. (CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 4954 AND (CONFIDENTIAL) JAKARTA 10524, 8/27.) INGERSOLL

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